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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 24th-February, through Sunday, 2nd-March there were 237 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP6/d, VP8, VP8/g, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, YA, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

2J/MJ, JERSEY (Date Change)

Operators Kevan/2E0WMG (2J0WMG) and Mark/M0MJH (MJ0MJH) will be active from Jersey (**EU-013**) between April 20-26th (not March 20-26th). They also hope to activate Les

Minquiers Reef ([EU-099](#)) during their trip. QSL via their home callsigns (addresses on [\(QRZ.com\)](#)).

9M0, SPRATLY ISLANDS (Update)

Operator Ed/N1UR and his xyl Christine/ KB1PQN (her first DXpedition) are still expected to be active from Layang- Layang Island Resort, Spratly Islands ([AS-051](#)) between 0800z, March 22nd and 0000z, March 30th. The duo have already received their 9M6/N1UR and 9M6/KB1PQN licenses. Once they get permission from the Navy, they will apply for a special 9M0 callsign. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, CW and SSB. There will be a station on 160m or 80m CW from 1030-1300z and 2100-2300z daily.

At other times in darkness, they will be on various bands at different times. Sunset on Spratly is 1040z and Sunrise is 2240z by the middle of that week. Since omnidirectional verticals on the beach will be used, please be sure to check long path and short path for the strongest signals. The operators will be moving bands frequently to take advantage of any shorter band openings. They will only be using 100 watts. QSL via K2RET: Bob Tomkovich, Jr., 405 Hemlock Dr., Lanoka Harbor, NJ 08734 USA. More information, as well as a "needs and wants" mode/band survey can be found at:

<http://www.n1urspratly.com/>

BY4, CHINA

Pascal, F5JSD, is working in China this week and hopes to visit the Shanghai BY4AA ARC. He reportedly has received a Chinese license and hopes to be active for one or two hours on March 3rd, between 0600- 0900z from this ARC using the callsign F5JSD/BY4AA. Activity will probably be on 20 meters CW. Watch for DX clusters spots.

CS9/CT3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Operator Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active as CS9L (or CT9L) during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. He is also planning to be active before and after the contest if time permits as CT3/DF7ZS. QSL via DJ6QT (Bureau).

DXCC NEWS

Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

3C7Y - Equatorial Guinea; 2007 Operation

EA9, CEUTA AND MELILLA

Jorge, EA9LZ, will be active as EA9LZ or possibly EE9Z during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as Single-Op/All- Band entry. QSL via EA9LZ ([\(QRZ.com\)](#)).

FM, MARTINIQUE

Rene, F5LGE, is now active FM/F5LGE until March 30th. Activity is 160 and 80 meters only and on CW. Operations seem to take place between 2330-0730z. QSL via F5LGE, by the Bureau or direct to: Courgibet Rene, 13 Ruelle Crepion, 51240 ST Germain la Ville, FRANCE.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Operators Edwin/HI3K, Tino/HI3CCP and Dani/EA4ATI, who were active in this past weekend's ARRL DX Contest as HI3C, will also be active in the upcoming CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) from Lomas del Toro in Santiago (Lomadeltoro Contest Team's HI3CCP station):

<http://www.lomadeltoro.com>

HK0, SAN ANDRES ISLAND (NA-033)

Six members of the Texas DX Society were active during this past weekend's ARRL International DX Phone Contest (March 1-2nd) as 5J0E. The group will continue to be active until March 6th, signing as HK0/homecall on SSB, CW and the Digital modes. Operators are: Cal/WF5W, Paul/W5PF, Keith/NM5G, Bill/K5WAF, Chuck/W5PR, and Jim/N4AL. The QSL Manager for all callsigns during this operation is W5PF. More details can be found on the TDXS's Web page at:

<http://www.tdxs.net/hk0.html>

IOTA NEWS

AS-113. Jenchieh, BU2AI, will once again be active as BU2AI/9 from **Matsu Island** between now and March 20th. He will operate as a mobile station during this period. Activity will only be during his spare time, mainly from 1000-2300Z. He will try to focus on low band, CW and SSB. More information can be found on:

<http://bu2ai.tripod.com/BU2AI-9-Matsu-2008.htm>

QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

EU-128. Operators Axel/DH8AK, Sebastian/DO6ELW, Dirk/DK4DJ and Henning/ DK9LB will be active as homecall/p from **Fehmarn Island** (O-01 for the German Islands Award) from March 14-21st. They will also activate two lighthouses: Marienleuchte - Old Tower (ARLHS FED-151) and Marienleuchte - New Tower (ARLHS FED-016, WLOTA LH-0637). Activity will be on 80-10 meters, SSB, PSK31 and 2m SSB. QSL via their home callsigns, direct or by the bureau.

NA-035. (Update) Operators Ray/WQ7R/HR9, Lane/KC4CD/HR2, Antonio/HR2DX, Daniel/HR2DMR, Ramon/HR7REA, Javier/HR2J, Pedro/HR2PAC, Vinicio/ HR2MD, Oscar/HR9OGS, Boyd/HR9BFS, Tom/W4JKC, Bill/NZ5N, Jim/W9GL, Ted/K9IMM and possibly more will activate **Swan Island** as HQ8R between March 15-23rd. They plan to be active on 160-10 meters with two stations on phone, one on CW and one on the Digital modes (RTTY and PSK31). They plan to have four stations with ten operators. Bill/NZ5N announced this past week that he will be active on the satellites from **Swan Island** (Grid EK87), using a FT-817 and an Arrow antenna. Time permitting, Bill will also try to make a few contacts before and after the expedition from the Honduran mainland, EK55, EK65 and EK75. Weather permitting, they may also try to give out EK76 from the boat on the way to and from the island. QSL via HR2RCH: Radio Club de Honduras, PO Box 273, San Pedro Sula, Cortes, HONDURAS (Information from QRZ.com). Visit their Web site at:

<http://www.hondurasdx.com>

NA-194/

NA-205. Operators Cezar/VE3LYC and Ken/G3OCA will activate **Finger Hill Island (NA-194)** and **Paul Island (NA-205)** in the Newfoundland Province (Labrador) North and Centre Group, respectively, between July 30th and August 4th. These island groups have only been activated once, 14 and 13 years ago, respectively. Since only 6-7% of the IOTA members have them confirmed, both groups are on the most wanted list. Callsigns will be VE3LYC/VO2 (Cezar) and VO2/G3OCA (Ken). QSL via VE3LYC, direct or by the bureau (G/GM/GW/GI stations can confirm via G3OCA).

OC-130. Maarten, PA3GZU, will be active as DU9/PA3GZU from **Mindanao Island** (WLOTA LH-2803, WW Loc. PJ27UH) between April 12th and May 12th. Activity will be mainly 20 meters (SSB - 14260 kHz and BPSK31 14070 kHz). Operations will be limited because Maarten is on holiday. Most activity is expected during the end of April and first week of May. QSL via his home callsign, bureau is preferred.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND

Colin, WA2YUN, currently on a work assignment on Wake Island (**OC-053**, USI OI-012S, WLOTA LH-2293) for an extended period, will operate as time permits as WA2YUN/KH9. QSL via K2PF. He was heard this past week on 60 meters (5403.5 and 5371.5 kHz) between 1100-1200z and 20 meters usually after 0715z.

KL5, ALASKA (Special Event)

Ron, AC7DX, informs OPDX that he will be the QSL Manager for Alaska DX Club's, KL5O, special event club station celebrating the 50th anniversary of Alaska's statehood. No QSNs are available yet (PLEASE send them in). Please follow QSL directions of AC7DX at (QRZ.com).

ON70/ON9, BELGIUM (Special Event)

The radio club OSA in Antwerpen (member of the UBA) will activate the special callsign ON70REDSTAR during the year 2008. A special QSL card will be available via ON4OSA, either by the bureau or direct (QRZ.com). The special event station was active this past weekend on 20 meters CW (around 14032 kHz after 1345z).

Activity is to celebrate the "Red Star Line", a shipping company that operated from Antwerp to North America between 1873 and 1934. During that period, over 3 million immigrants travelled with that line to the USA and Canada. A special exhibition for the "Red Star Line" is being shown in the Antwerp Shipping Museum during 2008. The Antwerp Shipping Museum is located in "Het Steen" an old castle on the banks of the river Schelde. At the end of the year the museum will move to a new location in the old harbour of Antwerp where there will be more possibilities to show the rich history of Antwerp and the River Schelde. Also to be activate on a regular basis is the callsign ON9BD from the Lightship Westhinder III, a museum ship located in the old harbour of Antwerp.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL ROUTES by Johannes/DK8JB and Tedd/KB8NW:

2E0OTL eQSL

4A2S LoTW

8J3GOSE via JA3ZNJ

9J2BI via OH6BI

9K47NLD via 9K2HN

CT3DZ via Bureau/LoTW/EQSL
CT3IA via Bureau/LoTW/EQSL
CV5K via CX2ABC
EA8ZS via EA8ZS
HC8A via KU9C
PJ2T via N9AG or LoTW
PJ2/WE9V via homecall, bureau or LoTW
TF3CW via LX1NO
TI8M via TI2KAC direct or bureau
XU7TZG, XU7TAS, XU7POS via ON7PP (direct 2 USDs or via Bureau)

QSL 6Y1V via OH3RB: Kari Ahokas, Majoitusmestarinkatu 11 F 93, 20360 Turku, FINLAND. Operators this past weekend were: KY1V, K9NW and W4OI. Web site:

<http://www.6Y1V.com>

The **PY4KL CWJF** Group reported that all the QSLs received direct for the 8R1PY Guyana DXpedition have been sent out by the CWJF Group (PY4KL - QSL Manager). PLEASE NOTE: PY4KL is NOT the QSL Manager for the Haiti DXpedition **PS7EB/HH**.

Hank, K8DD, requests to please hold off sending envelopes for **PZ5DD** and **PZ5WW** until March 15th. Both logs will go up on LoTW as soon as the 30 days has passed from the last contact.

QSLs VIA LOTW: VP6DX

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3XD2Z, AP2TN, E4/OM2DX, ET3JA, HI3T, HI3TEJ, J69DS and YI9X

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: None reported this week!

SU0, EGYPT (Possible 80m!)

Mustapha, DL1BDF, will be active from the Egyptian Amateur Radio Assembly ARC (EARA) station, SU0ARA, in Cairo, between March 11-19th. Activity will be on all HF bands. For the first time there "could" be some activity on the 80 meters (permission is pending). Usually in Egypt this band is reserved for the military authorities. QSL via SU1KM.

T8 & V6, PALAU AND MICRONESIA

Members of the Yamato Club (JA1ZEK) will be active from **Yap Island (OC-012)** between April 9-16th. Look for the following operators to sign: Sasi/JA1KJW (V63JQ), Mat/JA1JQY (V63JY) and Kuni/JA8VE (V63VE). The group will then move to **Palau (OC-009)** and be active from April 16-19th as T88KJ (JA1KJW), T88VE (JA8VE) and T88JY (JA1JQY). Activity will be on the HF bands, CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL V63VE and T88VE via JF1OCQ. QSL all others to their home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

TC18, TURKEY (Special Event)

Members of the Turkish group called SWAT (Special Wireless Activity Team) will be active as TC18M between March 15-19th. Activity is to commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the "Naval Victory in the Gallipoli Wars (World War I)". Operations will take place from the

University of Canakkale grounds and on the Asiatic side of Dardanelles, overlooking the Straits where the Naval War took place. Look for activity to mainly be on the 17, 20 and 40 meter bands using SSB and CW. Operators will be TA3FB, TA2IJ, TA2RX, TA1FR and TA1HZ. For more detailed information, visit:

<http://tcswat.tripod.com/>

Weather and antenna space permitting, possible 2m and 70cm activity towards SV and LZ stations will also be tried.

TF, ICELAND

A Russian team of operators will be active as TF/RK3MWL and homecall/TF from here between March 11-18th. Operators mentioned are Alex/RA3MR, Artem/RD3MA, Dmitry/RA3MF, Helen/RV3ACA (YL), Valery/ RZ6AU and Serge/UA1ANA. The group will be active with an emphasis on the low band and 30/17/12 meters using all modes. Also, look for them to be active in the Russian DX Contest (RDXC - March 16-17th) as TF4Y. Visit the RDXC Web page at:

<http://www.rdx.org/asp/pages/news.asp>

QSL via RV3ACA.

TK, CORSICA (EU-014)

Members of the Radio Club Pazin (9A7P) will be active as TK/homecall between March 13-17th. Operators mentioned are Dragan/9A2SX, Igor/9A3AXX, Hrle/9A6XX and Marko/9A8MM. Activity will be on 80-10 meters and include an entry in the Russian DX Contest (March 15-16th) as TK/9A8MM. The group will be operating from Sisco valley in the north part of the island just outside Bastia. The equipment that they will be using is a TS-440S + FT-857D, SB-220, 2 laptops, Spiderbeam (20/15/10m) and an Inverted Vee for 80/40m. Other Corsica reference numbers are: DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001 and WLOTA LH-1390. All QSL cards will be sent via the bureau (per their other previous two operations). You don't have to send your QSL cards to them. For more info, visit:

<http://www.rkp.hr/active/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=473&Itemid=90>

TX5C, CLIPPERTON ATOLL DXPEDITION UPDATE

The TX5C team is now heading toward Clipperton aboard the "Shogun" and has been active on the air as FO5A/mm. The team set sail from San Diego during their evening, February 27th, a day ahead of schedule. If everything goes as planned and weather permitting, the team should be active from the island March 7th for ten days. Here are the following suggested frequencies:

CW - 1827, 3507, 7007, 10107, 14027, 18078, 21027, 24897, 28027, 50107

SSB - 1847, 3797, 7057, 14197/14227*, 18147, 21295, 24947, 28497, 50127

RTTY - 3577, 7037, 10127, 14077, 18107, 21077, 24927, 28077 * 14227 for U.S. Generals

Their goal is to make over 100,000 QSOs, and they will pay special attention to working some of the more difficult areas like Europe and the Middle East. Pilots stations for this operation are Dave/K4SV (k4sv@yahoo.com), Jean-Michel/F6AJA (f6aja@escout.net) and Chris/DL5NAM (force12@web.de).

QSL via N7CQQ, by the bureau or direct to: John Kennon, P.O. Box 31553, Laughlin, Nevada 89028, USA. The log will also be uploaded to LoTW once the official log has been certified. For more information, online log and updates, visit the TX5C Web page at:

<http://www.clipperton2008.org>

V2, ANTIGUA (NA-100)

Chris, M0AJT, will be active as V26CC between now and March 14th. He plans to be active in the Commonwealth Contest or BERU (March 8-9th) from the Cable & Wireless site located at Boggy Peak on top of the highest hill on the island. Outside of contest, Chris will be active from the hotel, mainly on CW with some SSB. He will be using a FT-900AT w/100 watts into Butternut multi-band vertical.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT

Nobby, G0VJG, has announced that after his Antigua (NA-100) operation as V25V from the V26B super station at Gunthroppes (between March 28-30th) for the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th), look for him to be active as VP2MAD from Montserrat (NA-103) between April 1-3rd. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters SSB only. QSL only direct to his QSL Manager G4DFI.

V4, ST. KITTS (NA-104)

Nick, G4FAL, will be active possibly as V4/G4FAL between March 3-10th. Activity will be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters mainly on CW. Also, look for him to be an entry in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest (March 8-9th). QSL via his home callsign.

VP6DX NOW QRT

After breaking several QSO records (including the most QSOs by a DXpedition), the VP6DX operation from Ducie Island went QRT at 1359z, February 27th. The team made a total of 183686 QSOs (CW - 87294, SSB - 86140 and RTTY - 10252). The complete breakdown (by band and mode), as well as the log and updates on their trip home, is available on their Web page at:

<http://www.vp6dx.com>

ADDED NOTE: On February 21st, the Ducie Island expedition submitted data for over seven thousand VP6DX contacts to the ARRL robot. These contacts were with over 900 stations whose owners made financial contributions of at least five U.S. dollars to the expedition through February 24th.

W4, UNITED STATES (USI Op and Special Event)

Operators Bill/KE4KQQ, Chris/KI4RVH and Brad/AG4MB will be active as W4U from Ocean Isle Beach (USI NC-011S, Not IOTA, Brunswick County, North Carolina), between March 3-7th. Activity is to celebrate the "Public Kite Lifted Antenna Demonstration In honor of Gorge Pocock" and will be on the air around or near 28390, 14245, 7250, and 3900 kHz on SSB. The trio may try 60 meters, so watch on 5371.5 and 5403.5 kHz in the evening. QSL via KI4RVH, direct or by the bureau or eQSL. For direct QSLs in the U.S. please include a SASE.

WEB PAGES OF THE WEEK

Check out the new search **engine for ham radio ops**. It is 100% ham related. Ron, KA2BZS,

states, "Google is great!

['CQoogle.com'](#)

is a 'Search Engine' design specifically for the Radio Hams. Our engineers have designed a sophisticated set of rules and algorithms to ensure only Ham Radio results are found. We hope you enjoy using our 'Search Engine' as much as we enjoyed building it."

DXCLUSTER INFO. Jim, AD1C, has been maintaining a Web site with a wealth of information on DXcluster nodes at: <http://www.dxcluster.info> He has been trying to update it at least monthly. If you find any information missing or incorrect, please let him know at:

jjreisert@alum.mit.edu

URL ADDRESS CHANGE. Jean Michel, F6AJA, Editor of the French DX bulletin (LNDX), informs that "Les Nouvelles DX" has changed their URL address. If you have referenced your site to their Web page, please make a change.

Previous address <http://LesNouvellesdx.free.fr>

New address <http://LesNouvellesdx.fr>

YN, NICARAGUA

Members of 4M5DX Group (Alex/YV5SSB, Jose/YV5TX and possibly others) will be active as YN2YV from Granada between March 17-21st. Their goal is to have at least 2 stations on the air on different bands during all of the operation. They want to be active on 160-6 meters, as well as 60/30/17/12 meters and the lower bands. Modes mentioned are: SSB/RTTY/BPSK31/BPSK63 and possibly CW. QSL via IT9DAA. They plan to upload their log to the LoTW. The YN2YV Web page is available at:

<http://www.yn2yv.4m5dx.info/>

ADDED NOTE: They are looking for more operators.



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Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org **Subject:** [subscribe](#)
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org **Subject:** [unsubscribe](#)

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE (k8yse@papays.com)):
<http://www.papays.com/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:
<http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html>



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